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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) listing seven (7) references, which are enclosed;
3. Copy of International Search Report (6 pages); and,
4. Return prepaid postcard.

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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing seven (7) references that are also enclosed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the information contained in the attached PTO-1449 form was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for your reference. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the

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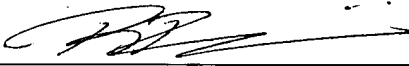
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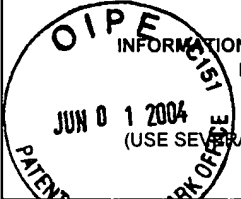
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	29	4,577,639	03/25/86	Simon et al.			
	30	5,103,828	04/14/92	Sramek			
	31	5,178,154	01/12/93	Ackmann et al.			
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	33	WO 9853737	12/03/98	PCT				
	34	WO 0062664	10/26/00	PCT				
	35	EP 0776631	04/06/97	EP				

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